



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-371)

PATENT

In re Application of: Thomason et al.)
Serial No.: 09/391,861) Before the Examiner: D. Nguyen
Filed: September 7, 1999) Group Art Unit: 1632
For: Fibroblast Growth Factor-Like)
Polypeptides)

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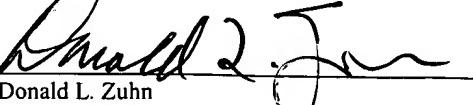
Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 5, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims: Pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present a complete listing of the claims, including marked up versions of all currently amended claims, at pages 2-4.

Remarks: Applicants' Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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